

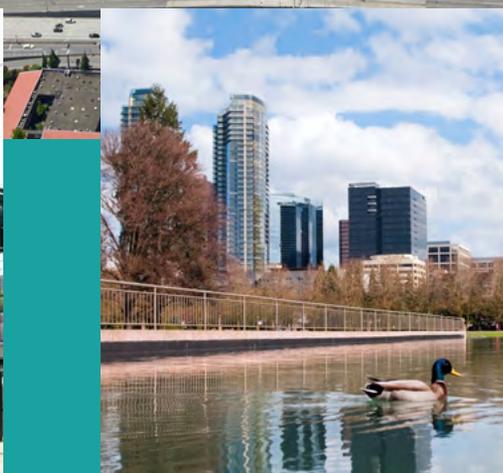


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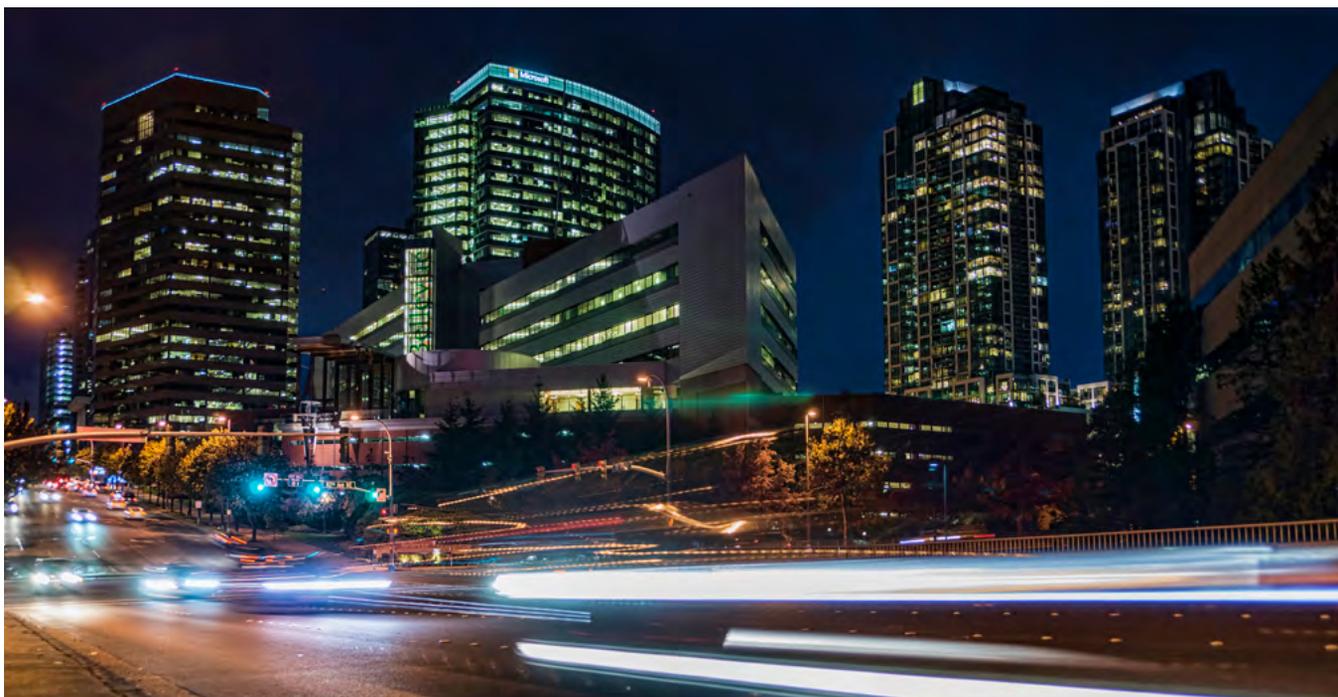
Multimodal transportation network

Bellevue is a regional hub with more than 140,000 residents and nearly 150,000 jobs. It's critical that the city's transportation network support our current population and future growth. We do this by supporting multiple options. We are dedicated to getting people where they need to go in Bellevue -- safely and efficiently.

Amidst our growth, traffic congestion has become a greater challenge. More drivers are using city parallel arterials to reach their destinations. In response, several city-led initiatives are shaping Bellevue's distinct urban character to better accommodate people who want to drive, walk, bike and take transit. These include:

- Downtown Livability Initiative
- Smart City strategy
- BelRed Transformation
- Vision Zero Action Plan
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative
- Bike Share pilot program
- Grand Connection project

Within neighborhoods, more safety improvements, congestion reduction, sidewalk, bike lanes and maintenance projects are being funded by a 20-year, voter-approved neighborhood transportation levy.



TRANSPORTATION NETWORK



More broadly, Bellevue is working closely with regional partners to improve transportation connections:

- **Sound Transit** – Expanding light rail service to East King County with East Link service in 2023.
- **King County Metro** – “Ride2” pilot program provides “first and last mile” shuttle service to and from Eastgate Park-and-Ride.
- **King County’s Eastside Rail Corridor** – Development of a regional pedestrian-bicycle trail, part of which is already open in Bellevue.
- **Washington State Department of Transportation** – Interstate 405 Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes project will improve mobility and reduce congestion. Interstate 90 Eastgate to State Route 900 Corridor Improvement project will create capacity by adding one lane in both directions between the Eastgate and Lakemont interchanges.

Bellevue continues to grow and evolve as a community. It’s the city’s ongoing goal to ensure commuters can easily get to where they want to be, when they want to be there.



GENERAL INFORMATION



Across Bellevue, from Interstate 90 to BelRed, there are signs of construction – cones, flaggers and detour signs. Work ranges from private residential projects to large-scale commercial development. Some of it is publicly-funded development such as improvements to intersections, utilities, neighborhood sidewalks, and of course, light rail construction.

While all of this construction will eventually produce enhanced travel options and economic opportunity, it puts a strain on available roadway.

The city plans and coordinates construction projects among departments as well as with contractors, public agencies and affected neighborhoods and businesses. This collaboration ultimately helps minimize impacts to the transportation network – the places where you walk drive, bicycle, drive and catch the bus – and keeps Bellevue open for business.



GENERAL INFORMATION



Access Bellevue

“Access Bellevue” is the city’s communications initiative to provide you with information about the East Link light rail project and surrounding work. This brochure includes updates on major construction activities and provides resources to get additional information.

We believe the more you are informed about construction near your home, job or favorite place in Bellevue, the better you can navigate to your destination. There are many options to receive updates. And there many ways to contact us.

Please note that as part of our Title VI program, we can provide this brochure in certain languages upon request.

For more about Access Bellevue, go to BellevueWA.gov/AccessBellevue.

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EAST LINK CONSTRUCTION

Upcoming activities in Bellevue

Bellevue is experiencing a high level of building activity with the East Link project being the most significant currently under construction. Much of the traffic control near light rail construction zones will remain into 2019 and station construction will become more visible. The table below and associated map indicate key construction activities. **NOTE:** Construction schedules are subject to change.

Work Description/Location	#
Long-span guideway construction over I-90 and ramps between I-90 and Bellevue Way.	1
South Bellevue Park-and-Ride closed while new station and parking garage are being built.	2
Bellevue Way SE traffic control allowing two lanes open for peak traffic in morning and evening commute hours for trenching by Winters House.	3
Winters House and Blueberry Farm retail building closed during construction.	4
112th Ave SE temporary bypass road traffic control allows one lane of traffic in each direction while road-over-rail (undercrossing) segment is built. Configuration through fall 2019.	5
SE 4th Street at 112th Ave NE permanently closed for non-emergency vehicles and pedestrians. Emergency access only.	6
Tunnel lining reinforcement (underneath 110th Ave NE between Main Street and NE 6th Street).	7
112th Ave SE, south of Main Street, occasional lane closures.	8
110th Ave NE southbound between NE 3rd Place and NE 2nd Place closed through spring 2021 for mid-tunnel access shaft construction.	9
110th Ave NE traffic control; one way in each direction between City Hall and NE 6th St through spring 2019.	10
Lake Washington Loop Trail closed between along 114th Ave. NE between NE 2nd and NE 8th streets through summer 2019. Detour in place.	11
Long-span guideway construction over I-405.	12
136th Place NE one-way traffic through spring 2020 to build trackway; only northbound traffic allowed.	13
NE Spring Blvd fully closed between 132nd Ave NE and 134th Ave NE through summer 2019.	14
NE 20th Street/136th Place NE lane closures and nighttime full closures through spring 2019.	15
Aerial guideway construction along State Route 520.	16
Construction of Operations and Maintenance Facility-East located on 120th Avenue NE continues.	17
132nd Ave NE/NE Spring Blvd intersection full closure begins spring 2019 for 2 months.	18
Construction of East Main Station (at Main Street and 112th Ave. SE).	19
Construction of Bellevue Downtown Station (at City Hall).	20
Construction of Wilburton Station (By Whole Foods Market).	21
Construction of Spring District/120th Station (in the Spring District).	22
Construction of BelRed/130th station (in the BelRed Corridor).	23
110th Ave NE full closure begins at northern portion at NE 6th Street for road restoration through mid-2019.	24
NE Spring Blvd between 136th Place NE and Bel-Red Road (spur road) closed (up to 4 non-consecutive months).	25
Reconstruction of Bellevue Way SE and 112th Ave. SE begins.	26

UNDERWAY

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

To receive East Link updates via email or text, subscribe at [SoundTransit.org/subscribe](https://www.soundtransit.org/subscribe)



Light Rail Station

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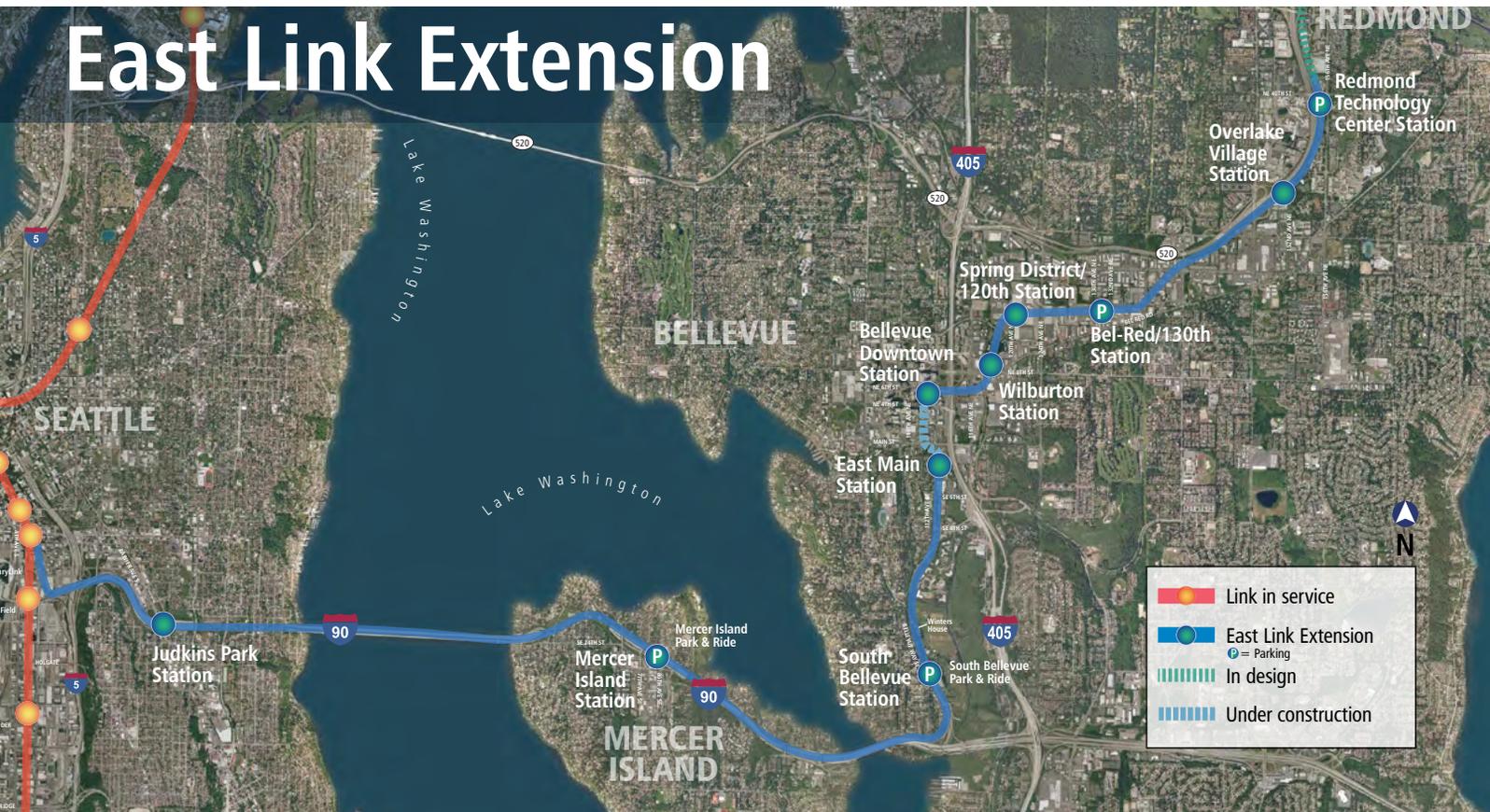
EAST LINK CONSTRUCTION

Project milestones in Bellevue

Since East Link light rail construction began in spring 2017, more than 90 concrete columns are now visible along the light rail alignment in Bellevue. From Interstate 90 in south Bellevue along Bellevue Way Southeast, from Bellevue City Hall east over Interstate 405 and from 120th Avenue Northeast in BelRed to Redmond’s border, these columns are being connected via girders which will encase the tracks.

Girder installation will continue in the south and central (downtown) segments. It is now complete in the north (BelRed) area.

The overall project which extends from downtown Seattle to Redmond is more than 45% complete as of the end of 2018. Approximately five miles of the 14-mile extension of Sound Transit’s Link light rail system and six out of 10 stations are being built in Bellevue.



EAST LINK CONSTRUCTION



In the coming year, construction of the following stations in the city will become more visible:

1. South Bellevue Station (Park-and-Ride), 2700 Bellevue Way SE
2. East Main Station, located south of the intersection 112th Avenue SE and Main Street
3. Bellevue Downtown Station, located at NE 6th Street (at City Hall)
4. Wilburton Station, located north of NE 8th Street (near Whole Foods Market)
5. Spring District/120th Station, located between 120th and 124th avenues NE
6. Bel-Red/130th Station (Park-and-Ride), located between 130th and 132nd avenues NE at NE Spring Boulevard

Light rail systems installation, testing and certifications will occur up to 2023 when East Link passenger service begins.

In addition to East Link, Sound Transit is building its Operations and Maintenance Facility-East (OMF-E), located on 120th Avenue Northeast, to support servicing rail transit cars and stations. In early 2018, the city approved a Master Development Plan permit for the OMF-E and a future Transit-Oriented Development. For more information, visit [SoundTransit.org/OMFE](https://www.soundtransit.org/OMFE).

It's important to note that construction schedules often change. You are encouraged to contact the City of Bellevue or Sound Transit should you have questions or concerns.

East Link Project Milestones in Bellevue

Tunnel excavation completed in July 2018. Approximately one-half mile of tunnel dug by sequential excavation method.

Over 90 columns constructed throughout alignment achieving 100% completion.

Girder installation is 80% complete. 52 girders out of 70 are installed in the south segment, 34 out of 48 are installed in the central segment, and all 44 girders in the north segment are installed.

Sound wall along 112th Avenue SE just north of SE 6th Street to the south portal at Main St and 112th Ave SE is 95% complete.

Wetland mitigation at Kelsey Creek West Tributary s substantially completed in September 2018; planting to occur in 2019.

Wetland mitigation at Mercer Slough Nature Park near Sweyolocken boat launch completed in November 2018.



EAST LINK MITIGATION

Lessening impacts

To lessen impacts from East Link construction, the city has limited traffic spillover onto neighborhood streets, required tree preservation and restricted work hours and noise. To mitigate impacts from operation of the light rail line, the city is requiring Sound Transit to build sound walls, cover train wheels with skirts and turn down the volume on the station public address systems at night. The map features specific construction and operational mitigation in Bellevue. For more about East Link mitigation, go to bellevuewa.gov/ELMitigation.



BELRED TRANSFORMATION



The BelRed area is undergoing an exciting transformation from a light industrial corridor in decline to a collection of new, transit-oriented neighborhoods. To support the change, the city has been building a new east-west boulevard through BelRed, expanding north-south arterials in the area and adding sidewalks, bike lanes and trails – with more to come.

Private development is also part of the equation. The Global Innovation Exchange (GIX), a graduate-level institute created through a partnership between the University of Washington, Tsinghua University in China and Microsoft, welcomed its first class in 2017. REI's new headquarters is under construction and expected to be completed in 2020. A range of market-rate and affordable housing units will be available in new transit-oriented neighborhoods across BelRed, including The Spring District.

This public and private development is advancing ambitious planning and land use goals the city adopted for the area in 2009. The BelRed Lookback is currently reviewing policies to determine if adjustments to land use, zoning and design guidelines for streets could accelerate development, particularly near the future Bel-Red/130th light rail station.

Sound Transit's East Link light rail construction is advancing between 120th and 134th avenues and north to Northeast 20th Street. There will be two stations in the BelRed area – Spring District/120th and Bel-Red/130th – as well as a park-and-ride and a light rail operations and maintenance facility on 120th Avenue Northeast. East Link is expected to begin service in 2023.

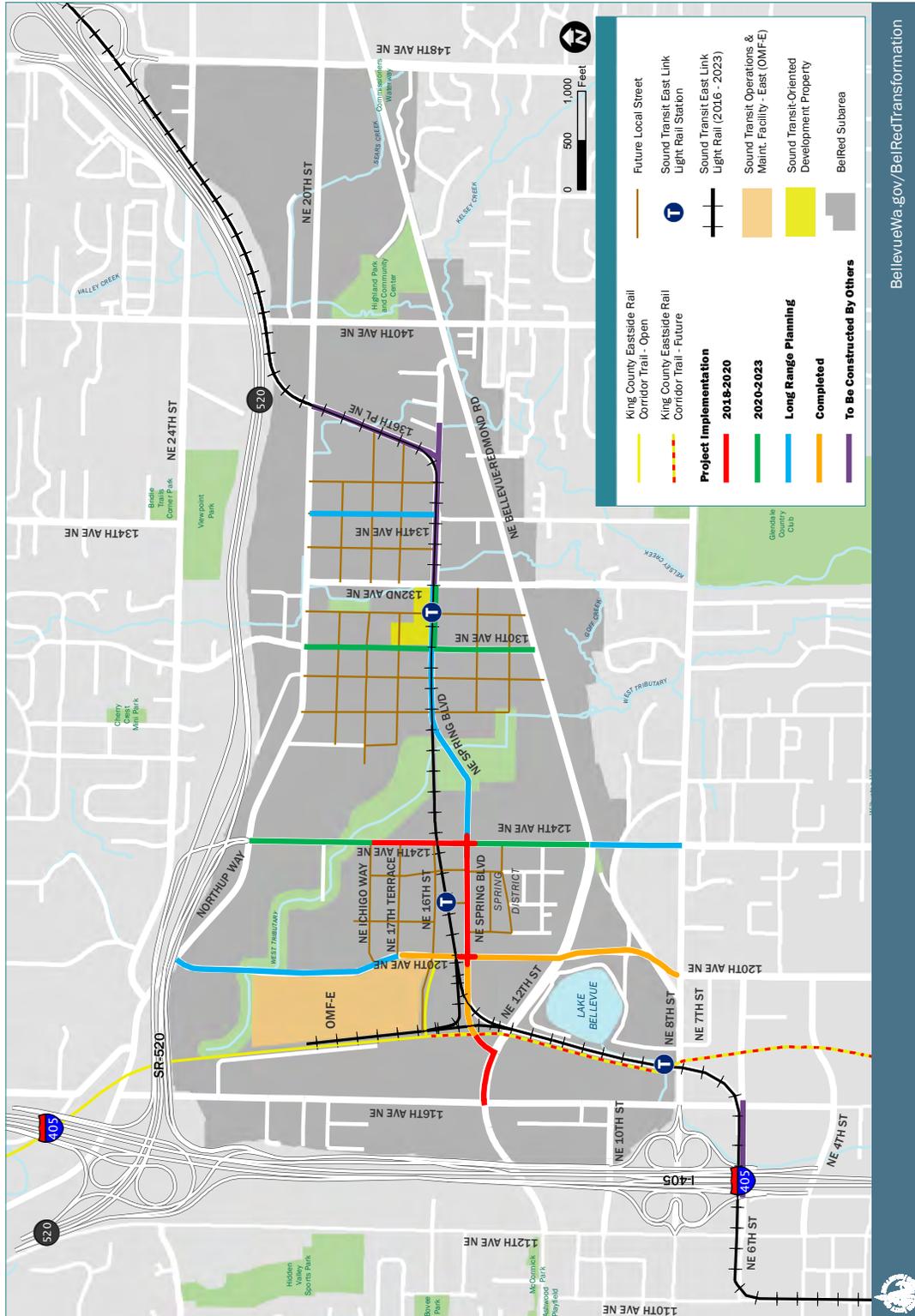
Thanks to a \$99.6 million, low-interest federal loan, the city is investing in projects that improve access, circulation and mobility for vehicles, transit, freight, pedestrians and bicyclists.





BELRED TRANSFORMATION

BELRED TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS



BellevueWa.gov/BelRedTransformation

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NORTHEAST SPRING BOULEVARD CORRIDOR

Northeast Spring Boulevard is a new multi-modal, east-west roadway being built in phases from Northeast 12th Street to 136th Place Northeast. When complete, the new street will improve mobility and unlock development potential for the area.

The first segment of Spring Boulevard – between the Eastside Rail Corridor and 120th Avenue was completed in early 2018 and includes two bridges over the East Link line.

Starting in 2019, the city will:

- Widen Northeast 12th Street to six lanes between 116th Avenue Northeast and a new signalized intersection west of the Eastside Rail Corridor and build a pedestrian and bicycle path along the northside of the roadway.
- Then, build a new four-lane street between 120th and 124th avenues northeast including sidewalks, off-street bike paths and on-street parking.

A future roadway between 130th and 132nd avenues northeast will be funded by the federal loan and the city.

124TH AVENUE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR



Pending right of way acquisition prior to construction, the following phased improvements are planned in the coming years to widen 124th Avenue Northeast to five lanes:



BELRED TRANSFORMATION

- Between Northeast Spring Boulevard and Ichigo Way: Construction begins in 2019 to raise and widen the street, build a bridge and install sidewalk with planters. A new traffic signal will be installed at Northeast 16th Street;
- Between Northeast 12th Street and Northeast Spring Boulevard: Construction begins in 2020 to widen the street and provide non-motorized facilities; and,
- Between Ichigo Way to Northup Way: Construction begins in 2021 to raise and widen the street and install sidewalks with planters. This final connection is being coordinated with Seattle City Light to replace transmission towers with monopoles on 124th Avenue Northeast.



130TH AVENUE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR

Redevelopment of 130th Avenue Northeast from Bel-Red Road to Northeast 20th Street is expected to begin in 2020 and will include one vehicle travel lane in each direction, protected bike lanes, sidewalks and landscaping. The project will also include on-street parking from just south of the Bel-Red/130th light rail station to Northeast 20th Street.

EASTSIDE RAIL CORRIDOR

An interim, compacted gravel trail completed by King County and Sound Transit is now open from 120th Avenue Northeast north to Kirkland. King County is currently developing a plan to install a ramp connection from the trail to Northup Way; Sound Transit will extend the trail south to Northeast Eighth Street following East Link construction.

CITY IN A PARK



Paths, piers and playgrounds

Bellevue's robust parks and open spaces provide a retreat from the bustle of urban life, offering access to forests, beaches, wildlife, recreation, history and art. In 2017, Bellevue's signature Downtown Park underwent major upgrades, with completion of its circular promenade and the addition of an accessible playground. Enhancements are now planned for other Bellevue parks, great and small.

MERCER SLOUGH NATURE PARK

Six acres of Lake Washington's largest fresh water wetland are being restored near the Swaylocken Boat Launch to mitigate impacts from construction of Sound Transit's East Link light rail line.

Additional mitigation includes:

- The replacement of nearly 700 trees with over 2,800;
- Access to the park and boat launch during construction; and
- A temporary parking lot for park users due to the closure of Winters House and blueberry farm.

Following light rail construction, Sound Transit will construct new parking by the Winters House next to a new farm stand and restrooms.



CITY IN A PARK

SURREY DOWNS PARK

The renovation of Surrey Downs Park is nearing completion. Once it's open, visitors will enjoy:

- A "Great Lawn" encircled by a pedestrian path, picnic shelters and a new playground;
- A meadow bordered with picnic tables, benches and new restrooms; and
- A viewing platform overlooking the light rail tracks along 112th Avenue Northeast.

MEYDENBAUER BAY PARK

The first phase of Meydenbauer Bay Park is nearly finished. Visitors will enjoy a quarter mile of waterfront, a new pedestrian pier and overlook, playground and picnic areas and a new bath house. Renovations have been made to the historic Whaling Building, marina and swimming beach.



CITY IN A PARK



FUTURE PARK NORTH OF EAST MAIN LIGHT RAIL STATION

In 2021, a new park south of Main Street between 110th and 112th avenues will open, providing pedestrian connections between adjacent neighborhoods, the East Main light rail station and downtown. Sound Transit will build the park and deed it to the city as mitigation for use of a part of Surrey Downs Park.





RESOURCES

BUSINESS RESOURCES

Contact the city's **Office of Economic Development.**

425-452-4114

cevo@bellevuewa.gov

BellevueWA.gov/business

Talk to a small business advisor:

SCORE (business mentoring)

www.Score.org

U.S. **Small Business Administration**

www.SBA.gov

Refresh your business and financing plans:

Small Business Development Center

Ron Anson

ronald.anson@wsbdc.org

425-885-4014

WSBDC.org/Bellevue

Network with other businesses:

Bellevue Downtown Association

425-453-1223

BellevueDowntown.com

Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

425-454-2464

BellevueChamber.org

Contact **Sound Transit's Business Relations Program** to help your business succeed during light rail construction:

Rossana Garner

206-689-3373

rossana.garner@soundtransit.org

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Work with the city to address **neighborhood traffic concerns.**

425-452-6856

bellevuentss@bellevuewa.gov

Transportation.BellevueWA.gov

Search: Neighborhood Traffic Safety

Get connected through the **Neighborhood Outreach Office.**

425-452-6836

NeighborhoodOutreach@BellevueWA.gov

BellevueWA.gov/Community-Development

Select: Neighborhoods

Look up **improvement projects** on an interactive map

Transportation.BellevueWA.gov/projects

Search: Projects In Your Neighborhood and Neighborhood Levy Projects

Submit a service request or report a concern with the **MyBellevue** app.

Contact the **Service First Desk** at City Hall for general assistance.

425-452-6800

servicefirst@bellevuewa.gov

BellevueWA.gov/contact-us



RESOURCES



COMMUTER RESOURCES

Contact the **Choose Your Way Bellevue program** for commute planning assistance.
425-283-1357

ChooseYourWayBellevue.org

Check **transit schedules** to plan your commute.

King County Metro

206-553-3000

JustOneTrip.org

Sound Transit

888-889-6368 (TTY 771)

SoundTransit.org

Download travel or transit apps on your mobile device to help you find alternate routes during road closures, know when to catch the next bus and where to find a nearby Lime bike.

- WSDOT Traffic Map
- King County Trip Planner
- One Bus Away
- Ride2 (Eastgate Park and Ride)
- Lime (bike share)

CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Bellevue Transportation Department

425-452-6856

trreception@bellevuewa.gov

Transportation.BellevueWA.gov

Select: Traffic Advisories

@BvueTrans (Twitter)

@BellevueWashington (Facebook)

Sound Transit/East Link project

206-398-5465

eastlink@soundtransit.org

SoundTransit.org/EastLink

1-888-298-2395 (24 Hour Construction Hotline)

@SoundTransit (Twitter and Facebook)



You're invited

East Link Business Forum 2019

Subscribe to the City's Cultural and Economic Vitality Office newsletter to receive details coming in early 2019.

<http://Bit.ly/OEDnews>

Note of Thanks to BelRed Businesses

Light rail and city-funded transportation project construction in the BelRed area hasn't been easy. Efforts are made to minimize impacts to roadways and access to businesses is always maintained. Thank you BelRed companies and your customers for your patience as this vital area transforms to better meet the transportation needs of the community.



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